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May 4, 1992

Erik Strindberg
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Dear Mr. Strindberg:

Re: Gardner Canyon Mine, S/023/015, Juab County, Utah

I am in receipt of your April 24, 1992 letter, requesting information on procedures for obtaining a mining and reclamation permit for minerals under the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) regulations. Enclosed please find a copy of the regulations driving these procedures.

All Utah mining operations creating a surface disturbance are regulated by DOGM with the exception of sand, gravel and rock aggregate operations. You will note that there are provisions for filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct Small Mining Operations (SMO) for operations disturbing five surface acres or less. Given a complete application containing no requests for variance, approval by the Division is not a prerequisite to initiation of operations for SMOs.

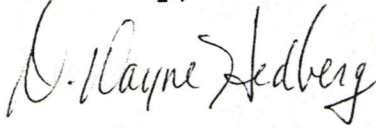
For surface disturbances greater than five acres, an operator must file a Notice of Intent to conduct Large Mining Operations, and DOGM must approve a detailed Mining and Reclamation Plan. A public notice period is required, and the operator is required to post reclamation surety prior to initiation of operations.

In the case of Gardner Canyon, there is a Small Mining Operations NOI on file with the Division. You may review this

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notice at the Division's office by requesting file number S/023/015. To date, we have not received a Large Mining Operations NOI for the Gardner Canyon Mine from the operator.

Sincerely,


for Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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Enclosure
cc/enc: Gary McFarland, Wilderness Assoc.
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